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For: **ALGINATE CAPSULES FOR USE IN THE TREATMENT OF BRAIN TUMOR**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REPLY

This reply is being filed in response to the Official Action dated March 29, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 23, amend claims 12, 19 and 21 and add new claims 29-32 as follows.

**12 (Amended).** A composition comprising a producer cell that expresses a molecule that is an inhibitor of the growth of a CNS tumor, the cell being encapsulated in a matrix that comprises an immunoisolating alginate having a G content of above 15%, wherein the molecule is: a molecule that is capable of interacting with tumor/host communication pathways.

**19 (Amended).** A composition comprising a producer cell that expresses a molecule that is an inhibitor of the growth of a CNS tumor, the cell being encapsulated in a matrix that

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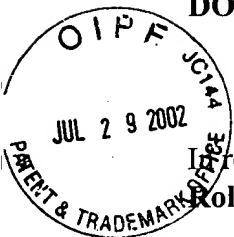
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